

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. According to the Office Action, the drawing filed on December 8, 2005 was objected to "because it is provided as an "Exhibit" but labeled as "REPLACEMENT SHEET." Applicants hereby submit a new copy of Figure 2 correctly labeled as "Exhibit," which is believed to obviate this rejection.

2. The Sequence Listing filed on December 8, 2005 was objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132 as allegedly introducing new matter into the specification. The Examiner notes that Figure 5 depicts nucleic acid position No. 1306 as C, while the Sequence Listing depicts nucleic acid 1306 in SEQ ID NO: 11 as A.

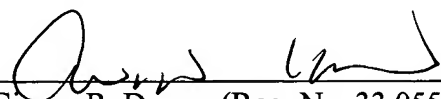
Applicants note that the error pointed out by the Examiner occurred in the Sequence Listing filed on November 3, 2005 and not on December 18, 2005. Accompanying the present Amendment and Response is a new substitute Sequence Listing, in which position No. 1306 in SEQ ID NO: 11 is correctly indicated as C. Accordingly, entry of the attached Sequence Listing does not introduce new matter into the specification.

Since all claims are allowed, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, please charge any fees, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Attorney Docket No. 39780-1216 R1C1D5). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

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